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EXDIS FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM SHLAUDEMAN

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SUBJECT: INTERROGATION OF BOSCH

1. I HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM ASSISTANT
ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD L. THORNBURGH DATED NOV 5.

"DEAR MR. SHLAUDEMAN:

"AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THROUGH
THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION IS
INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF THE FORMER CHILEAN
AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, ORLANDO LETELIER.

"RECENT EVENTS WHICH HAVE TRANSPIRED IN CARACAS,
VENEZUELA, MAKE IT IMPERATIVE THAT CERTAIN INVESTIGATIVE
LEADS BE PURSUED THERE. PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IS THAT
FOUR PERSONS PRESENTLY INCARCERATED IN CARACAS BE INTER-
VIEWED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. THESE PERSONS ARE ORLANDO

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BOSCH, LUIS POSADA CARRILES, FREDDIE LUGO AND HERNAN

RICARDO LOSANO. THIS IS TO REQUEST THAT THE STATE

DEPARTMENT OBTAIN, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL CHANNELS, AUTHORIZATION FOR AN INVESTIGATIVE STAFF TO TRAVEL TO VENEZUELA TO CONDUCT SUCH INTERVIEWS AND TO CONSULT WITH THE VENEZUELAN POLICE OFFICIALS. IN ORDER TO BEST PURSUE THESE LEADS AND TO HANDLE THE INTERVIEWS, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WOULD LIKE TO SEND THE FOLLOWING THREE PERSONS TO CARACAS: ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY EUGENE M. PROPPER, SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE F.B.I. CARTER CORNICK AND RAUL SALINAS.

"THIS REQUEST IS BEING MADE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE YOU CAN PROVIDE IN MAKING THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SINCERELY, RICHARD L. THORNBURGH, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION."

2. MY UNDERSTANDING WITH PROPPER IS:

(A) HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WILL CONFINE THEMSELVES STRICTLY TO THE LETELIER CASE AND NOT GET INTO THE CUBANA CRASH.

(B) HE WILL ACCEPT REASONABLE CONDITIONS FROM THE VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING THE PRESENCE OF ONE OR MORE GOV REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE QUESTIONING.

3. YOU SHOULD MAKE THIS REQUEST KNOWN TO THE GOV ASAP. YOU MAY INFORM THEM OF MY UNDERSTANDING WITH PROPPER AND, IF YOU CHOOSE, MAY GIVE THEM A COPY OF THORNBURGH'S LETTER.

4. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THIS REQUEST AND THE SECRETARY'S OFFER OF A BRIEFING MISSION. YOU MIGHT WISH TO TAKE THE OCCASION TO ASK IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY REACTION TO THAT OFFER. KISSINGER

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